

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael Norman COLLINS

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For: LARYNGEAL MASK AIRWAY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion and a mask portion at its patient end having a sealing cuff of generally oval shape defining an opening within its center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion defining a recess extending from the opening to the patient end of the tubular portion, characterized in that the patient end of the tubular portion is located above and to the rear of the rear side of the opening such as to space it away from the epiglottis.
2. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized in that the patient end of the tubular portion is located substantially midway across the width of the rear side of the sealing cuff.